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Docket No. 1948-4293US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Menard et al. ✓  
Serial No. : 09/041,538 ✓ Group Art Unit: 1771 ✓  
Filed : March 11, 1998 ✓ Examiner: A. Singh ✓  
For : **✓ FRICTION MATERIAL DESIGNED FOR FITTING TO A DEVICE  
EMPLOYING FRICTION IN A LIQUID MEDIUM, AND THE  
METHOD OF PRODUCING SUCH A FRICTION MATERIAL AND  
THE DEVICE TO WHICH IT IS FITTED**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to an outstanding Office Action dated **October 10, 2001**, the shortened statutory period for response set to expire on **January 10, 2002**. No extension of time or fee is believed due for this response. However, if the Commissioner determines that a fee or an extension of time is required, the Applicant hereby petitions for the required extension of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge deposit account 13-4500, order 1948-4293US1 for any required fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. A friction material designed for fitting to a device employing friction in a liquid medium, the friction material comprising  
approximately 20% to 40% by weight a mat of non-woven fibres and  
approximately 40% to 60% by weight a thermosetting resin which impregnates  
said fibres, wherein said fibres have a length of at least 12 mm.